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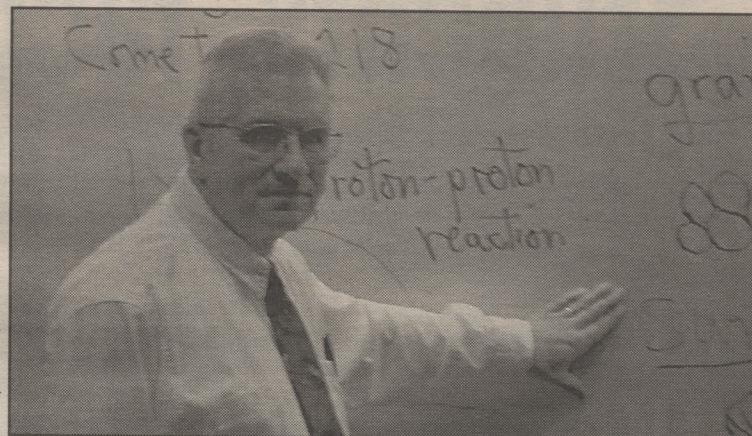
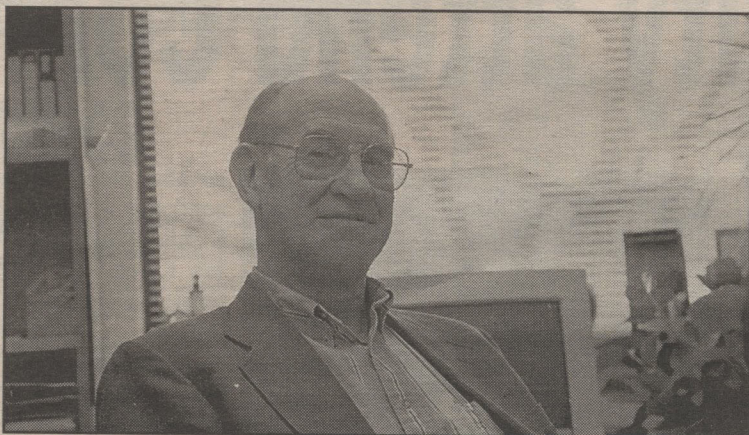
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John Hansen

Dr. Daryl Vander Kooi and Dr. Richard Hodgson will be retiring this May. Dr. Paul Otto and Professor Scott Quatro will also be leaving.

## Four professors leave at semester's end

**Mitchell Beaumont**  
Editor

The end of each school year brings not only students leaving for either the summer or forever, but also departing professors who have elected to move on to other things.

This spring, four professors will conclude their Dordt careers and either go on to teach elsewhere or to simply retire and enjoy new activities.

### Dr. Daryl Vander Kooi

Dr. Vander Kooi has taught in the Communication Department since 1971. In actuality, that department was still the English, Speech and Theater Department when he arrived on campus for the first time. Along with already retired Communication Professor Martin Dekkenga and current professor, Dr. Charles Veenstra, Vander Kooi helped form the current Communication Department.

"In 1976, Dr. Veenstra came, and at that time we ended up developing a whole Communication major, which we did not have before," said Vander Kooi. "Actually, a whole set of different majors; we called them emphases. It was the Radio/TV, the journalism, the general and so on. This was a new twist in majors, and we crafted a proposal at that time to become an independent department."

After retirement, Vander Kooi and his wife plan to take part in a

number of different volunteer projects including involvement with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. He said that they expect to remain in Sioux Center when they are not traveling.

The most memorable moment in Vander Kooi's time on Dordt's campus as a professor has been graduation. "Watching the Communication majors walk across the stage to get their diploma and being able to shake their hand and talk with them afterwards -- that's the top for me," he said. "It is a privilege to watch them grow from high school students when they first get here."

### Dr. Richard Hodgson

Since 1969, Dr. Richard Hodgson has been a professor on Dordt's campus. He currently holds the title of Professor of Planetary Sciences, but in the past he has served in the speech and ancient history departments and held the position of Dean of Students for one year as well.

For Hodgson, though, the most memorable experience came in February of 1979 when he took a group of students to the North Dakota-Manitoba border to watch a total solar eclipse.

"I've seen other eclipses, but the clarity of this eclipse without the distractions of the city and the opportunity to view it with some of my students made it a wonderful experience," said Hodgson.

The emphasis for Hodgson in

his more than thirty years as a Dordt professor has been in the area of asteroids. In the early 1970's, he founded a scholarly journal, which soon turned into a global publication. He edited the Minor Planet Bulletin from 1973-1984, and at the end of his tenure there, an asteroid was named after him.

After retirement, Hodgson and his wife plan to do a variety of different things. He would like to write several books, read as much as possible, do some traveling and work outdoors.

### Dr. Paul Otto

Dr. Otto, Associate Professor of History, has been teaching at Dordt since 1996. He and his family will be leaving Sioux Center for the West Coast where he will serve in the History Department of George Fox University.

The primary reason for Otto's departure is to be closer to family that lives on the west coast. "We have long had an interest of living on the West Coast," said Otto. "[George Fox] is an ideal situation for us. We'll be three hours from my in-laws and my parents will be relocating now that we're moving."

Also contributing to his decision to leave, said Otto, was the CRC membership policy that has become such a hot issue in recent months. "It would have been a more difficult decision to make had I been able to stay at Dordt and have my membership in the PCA,"

he said. "I do understand the historical rationale for the policy, and I understand the founding culture of the college, but theoretically I don't understand it because the Reformed perspective is not exclusive to the CRC."

### Professor Scott Quatro

Mr. Scott Quatro has served as an Instructor of Business Administration since 1999 and will be departing with his wife and four kids to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, where he will serve in the College of Business and Professional Studies.

Quatro said the biggest reason for his departure from the Dordt faculty was the CRC membership policy. He said the most significant problem he has with the policy is its narrowness in perspective and vision. "Dordt is reaching the point in their history where more and more different types of students are wanting to come, and more and more different types of faculty members are wanting to come to Dordt," he said.

"Dordt's vision, I think, is wonderful. The manifestation of that vision is far too narrow. There are tremendous Reformed scholars that could do tremendous work here while maintaining their membership in a non-CRC church."

Replacements for all four professors are actively being pursued and several of the positions are waiting for candidates to sign contracts.

## Bands to battle at Cornstock

**Bethany Fopma**  
Staff Writer

For only a dollar, students will have the opportunity to enjoy live music and entertainment at the second annual Cornstock.

The event, which will be held Saturday, May 4, in the Rec Center, will feature a competition among ten or eleven bands, each including of at least one Dordt student. The bands will play a variety of music.

"Last year we heard everything from Christian songs on an acoustic guitar to a heavy metal band," said James Klaver, co-chair of the Student Activities Committee (SAC).

Cornstock came about last year when the SAC sensed a need for an event that would pique students' interests and get them involved. "Whenever SAC holds an event like outside concerts students don't tend to get very excited. We felt the best way to draw students in

would be to internalize the entertainment," Klaver said.

A panel of student judges will evaluate the competing bands using a number of factors to determine the winners. "The bands will be judged on things like how well they perform; how tight they are as a band and whether or not their work is original," Klaver said. The winning band will receive \$300, followed by \$200 for second place and \$100 for third.

In addition to the competition,

Cornstock will feature a number of other activities, including tie-dying T-shirts and henna tattooing. Popcorn, cotton candy and beverages will also be sold.

"Cornstock should be a lot fun," Klaver says. "It's on a Saturday at the end of the year, a time when everyone may be feeling a bit stressed. This is a good opportunity for students to relax, have a good time, and enjoy being with their friends before the school year ends."





## Students, faculty attend conferences

**Jen Hoogeveen**  
Staff Writer

Dordt College students participated in history, writing and social science conferences over the past week.

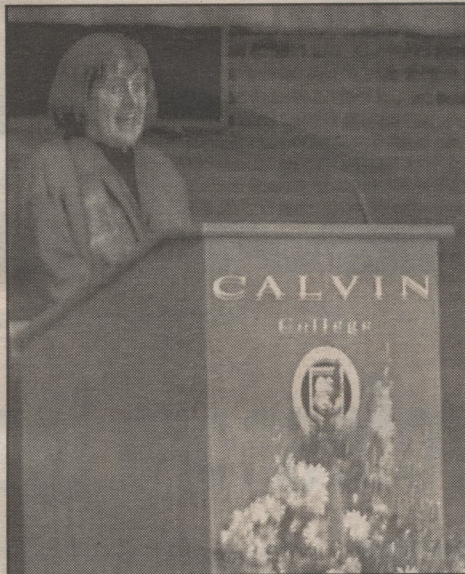
An annual History conference was held last Thursday, April 18, at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Colleges that attended besides USD and Dordt were Northwestern, Mount Marty, Creighton University, University of Nebraska (Omaha), Northern State University, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota, University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University.

Dr. Paul Otto, professor of History, took his Introduction to Historical Studies class to the conference, where they presented papers and commentaries on others' work. Otto said, "The confer-

ence is an opportunity for students to present research."

There is also a plenary session and a brief award ceremony for student papers in different categories. Carolyn van Til was awarded best paper in world history for her work on "William of Ockham: The Development and Significance of His Ontology." She said, "The conference is a good experience for history majors because it introduces them to what historians do."

The Festival of Faith and Writing was held in Grand Rapids, MI, on the campus of Calvin College, Thursday, April 18 through Saturday, April 20. The conference drew around 1,000 participants including college students and anyone else interested in writing. Nearly 20 Dordt students and faculty went to the conference where writing sessions were held in such genres as general writing, children's literature, drama, journalism, and film.



Jan Karon addresses student writers.

Dr. James Schaap, professor of English, was one of the 135 speakers to address the conferees. Key speakers were poet Stephen Dunn,

novelist Kaye Gibbons, nonfiction writer and poet Kathleen Norris, novelist Jan Karon and novelist Oscar Hijuelos.

"The conference was really eye opening for me because I was made aware of a lot of people who are able to write," said attendee Josh Christoffels. "I encourage anyone interested in writing to go to the next conference."

A social science conference is being held today, Thursday, April 25, at Northwestern

College in Orange City, IA. Students from several colleges, including Dordt, Northwestern, Briar Cliff, Mount Marty, University of Sioux Falls, and occasionally Dakota Wesleyan and Augustana, get together every

year on the fourth Thursday of April to present a PowerPoint presentation or poster presentation they have been working on as a part of a class or senior thesis.

Fields of study that will be covered are Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Anthropology. The conference is held to benefit students participating in these areas.

"Students who attend get to see what others are doing and they gain a broader understanding of what a professional conference is like," said Dr. Sherri Lantinga, Professor of Psychology. "Participants gain enhanced public speaking skills and it looks very good on a resume or vita."

About 20 Dordt students and staff will attend, six of which will be presenting their work and research.

## Barnyard comes to campus

**Allison Schaap**  
Assistant News Editor

Livestock, brought in from the Dordt farm and from farmers in the community, will be gracing the campus this Friday, April 26, as a part of Dordt's annual Ag Day.

Anastasha Kamps, President of the Ag Club, organizes the committees that make Ag Day possible. "We will be having numerous activities happening on campus. We will have games like bale-rolling, a reaction-time game, and possibly even a milk-guzzling con-

test," Kamps said.

Kamps says that something that they have added new to this Ag Day is having a questionnaire at each livestock location. If the answers are completed and correct, the person will receive a prize or be entered into a drawing.

Ag Day begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends around 3:00 p.m. In the evening, there will also be the Ag Day Dance. Kamps commented, "This is just a fun relaxing day for all. It changes the atmosphere of the campus - to a campus with livestock and animals. All-in-all, it's really an enjoyable time."

## Music activities abound

*Dordt musicians excel in two competitions*

### Federation awards musicians

Four Dordt students were recently awarded \$400 scholarships from the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs for excellence in performance on their respective instruments. As local winners, these students are eligible to enter the regional competition next fall. **Carolyn Langley**, brass (French Horn)

**Andrew Schaap**, organ

**Erika Van Den Hul**, strings (violin)

**Tricia Van Ee**, women's voice.

Auditions on April 6. Students sang in categories separated by age and gender. Dan Zylstra, Joe Hoksbergen, Becky Boender, Kara Bentz and Brenda Janssen advanced to the semi-final round in their respective categories, while Erin Houtsma, Liz Mc Pherson and Tricia Van Ee advanced to the final round and sang in the honors recital.

**Spring concerts close music year**  
All events take place at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

**Friday, April 26:** Instrumental Ensemble Concert

**Wednesday, May 1:** NISO Spring Concert

**Friday, May 3:** Choral Ensemble Spring Concert

## New play premieres at Dordt

**Rachelle Vander Werf**  
Staff Writer

"If you liked *NOBODY MOVE AND NOBODY GETS HURT!!!*, you'll love this too," said Admissions counselor and Dordt alumnus Jason Vande Brake, who is directing, acting in and one of the writers of a new play entitled *(a) life in 30 acts*.

The cast from *NOBODY MOVE* worked together well, and they were able to come together again to help write and act in *(a) life in 30 acts*. The cast includes Laura Groen, Adam Smit, Amy Vroom, Eric Van Wyk, Bob Taylor, Lindsey De Wit and Jason Vande Brake.

*(a) life in 30 acts* does not have a traditional story line or structure. Vande Brake says that the best experiences he has had with plays are the ones that allow him to enjoy himself, and this one does just that.



Lori Panchot

Cast members rehearse an act from *(a) life in 30 acts*.

"I'm really interested in how art and life mix, the fact that when you're looking at a painting, watching a movie, listening to music, attending a play, life is happening," Vande Brake said. "That moment is just as much a part of your life as making toast in the morning or hanging out with your friends or going to church on Sunday. The play examines that

relationship."

Opening night for *(a) life in 30 acts* is April 27 at 10:30p.m. Other showings will be May 2 and 3 at 10:30p.m. and May 4 at 8:00p.m. and 10:30p.m. The late showings fit well with the play's low budget, gritty, late night feel.

"It will be a fun, interesting and confusing experience," said Vande Brake.

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**Cheers experience shot of testosterone**

# **Zircon**

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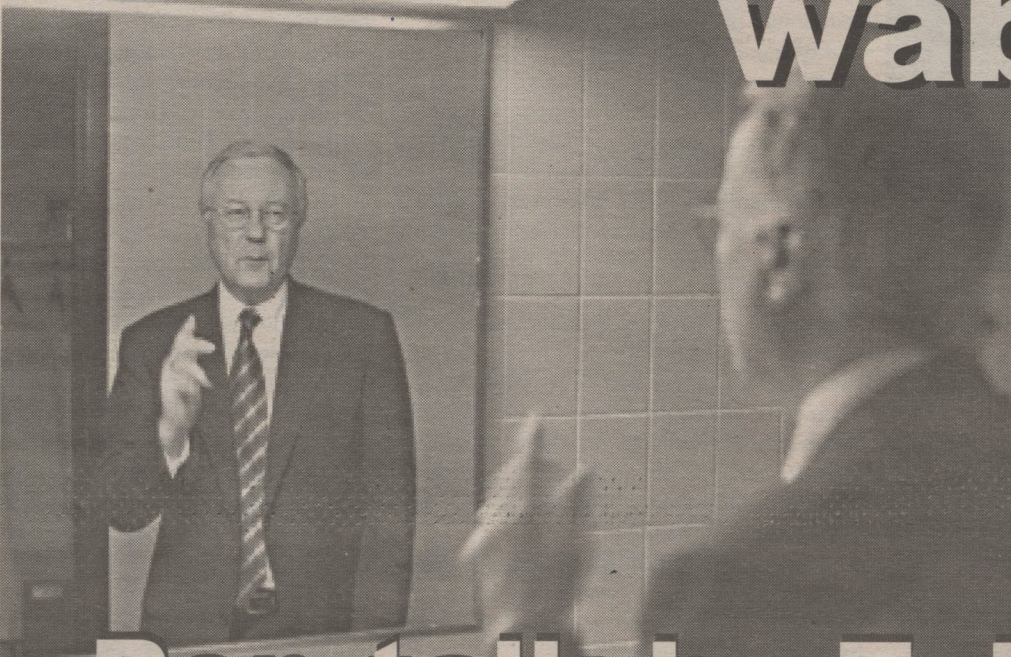
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## **Students Riot**



## **John's huntin' wabbits**



## **Pep talk by Zylstra**



## Hansen heads to Wal-Mart

**Willy Travelle**  
Staff Roving Reporter

Last weekend, Senior John Hansen took part in an exhilarating learning experience off-campus. "I've actually been planning to go off-campus since November," said Hansen at a press conference this Tuesday, "but just three days ago all that hard work paid off and everything finally came together."

Hansen's three-hour trip included a stop at a local gas station and a visit to Wal-Mart. "For only a couple dollars, a man in an orange stocking cap tutored me on the fine points of pumping gas," said Hansen. "I felt enriched by the experience--perhaps not as much as I would have felt had he pumped the gas into my tank instead of his own."

John Hansen originally sought academic credit for the three-hour, off-campus program. "You'd think the way Dordt pushes the whole Off-Campus Study thing, they'd find some value in a Consumer Decision-Making Exercise like Wal-Mart's. Not so," he said. "They wouldn't even grant me the use of a college vehicle to transport my acquisitions back to my dorm room."

Wal-Mart Store manager Felmer Udd issued a statement Monday morning regarding Wal-Mart's disapproval of Hansen's so-called "Advanced Carbohydrate

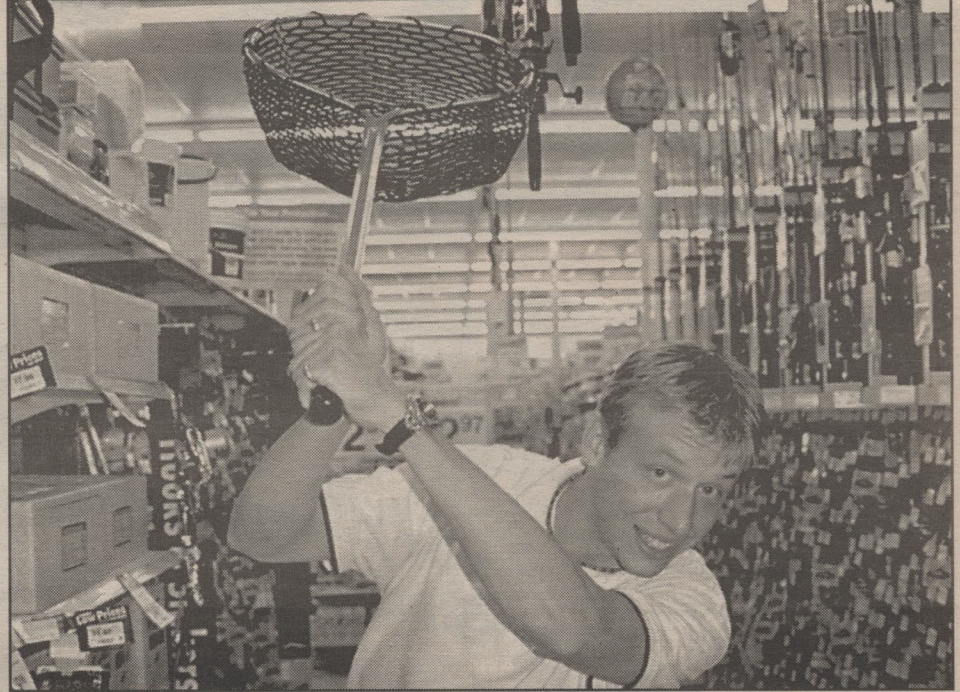


Goofy Gus

**Hansen practices pick-up lines on Mary Kate and Ashley. He was heard saying, "I've lost my number. Can I have yours?"**

Assimilation" self-study. "We do not recognize any such program involving the consumption of store eatables, unboughten, even within the confines of the store. Any other persons found participating in such programs past the issuing date of this notice will be prosecuted for payment as defined by the store prices of the aforesaid eatables' wrappers found on the person of the offender or within a twenty-foot radius thereof."

Hansen was found lying in the back corner of Wal-Mart, unconscious, with several plastic bags (thought to originally contain jelly beans from the bulk section) strewn around him. Hansen considered suing because of the inebriating nature of the beans, which were not properly labeled.



Bette Kisseser

**John makes a daring attempt to snag a passing "hottie" inside Wal-Mart.**

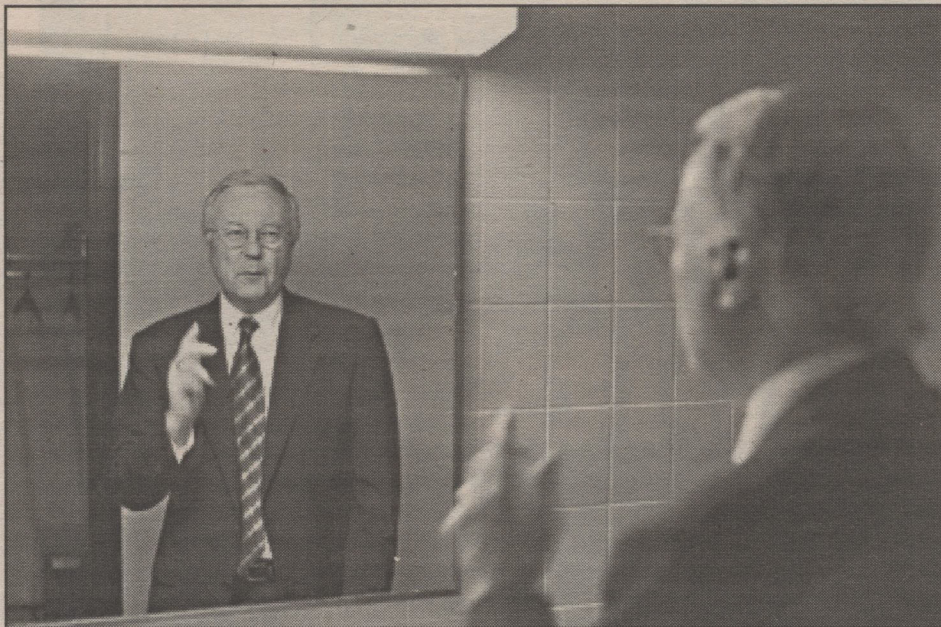
"In any case, I'm sure this is a lesson to us all, and I hope to see Congress enact safety measures so that this does not happen again," said Hansen.

Hansen also found his study abroad meaningful and conclusive. "I've got to say that if half of my experience were to be given a negative moral value, and if the other half a positive moral value, it would be most

truthful to say that my trip had no value. Fortunately for me, this does not, in any case, represent the actual situation."

All in all, Hansen seemed happy with the goods he purchased and remarked that his stores are so full at present he feels confident that it will not again be necessary for him to stray from the fold of Dordt College campus again until sometime late this September.

## A day in the life of Pres. Z



Jacque Strappe

**Zylstra checks himself out in the mirror before heading to the office.**

**Witty and Twitty**  
Staff Siamese Twins

*The Zircon decided to get a peek into the daily life of President Zylstra to uncover all those little details that students deserve to know. Two enterprising reporters followed Carl E. Zylstra around for a day and recorded his every move.*

6:47 am--President Zylstra's alarm goes off for the first time. A scrawny arm extends from the lavender coverlet and whacks the clock.

6:56-- President Zylstra's alarm goes off for

the second time. A scrawny arm extends from the lavender coverlet and whacks the clock.

7:05-- President Zylstra's alarm goes off for the third time. A scrawny arm extends from the lavender coverlet and whacks the clock. *This scene repeats every nine minutes until 9:02 am.*

9:02--Zylstra's whole body emerges from the lavender coverlet. Throwing a fluffy pink towel over his shoulder, he pads to the bathroom.

9:44--Zylstra grabs three cockroaches (specially bred and raised by his wife Gloria) out of his cupboard. He drops them into the cage of Zwingli, his pet iguana.

9:46--Zylstra gazes into the mirror. Words flow from his mouth: "Carl, YOU are a winner. You are beautiful. You are king of this Reformed Regime. You are NOT balding. You do not have gray hair. People love you. That's why you get random titty-twisters. YOU RULE!!!" Slicking back his flowing locks, and winking into the mirror, Zylstra strides from the bedroom into the kitchen.

9:49--Zylstra concocts his usual breakfast. "This is the way real men dine," he tells us. With a flourish he dumps three shots of scotch into his Wheaties.

*Out of respect for our more delicate readers, we will omit the rest of the breakfast scene.*

10:32--Stumbling over to campus along his nicely paved pathway, the Big Z whistles, "Sunny day, sweeping the clouds away...."

10:43--Marching into his plush office, Zylstra give his secretary a greeting smack. *It is up to the reader to discern the definition of "smack."*

10:44--Zylstra leans back in his chair, turns on some Nine Inch Nails, puts his feet on his desk, lights his cigar, and closes his eyes.

11:58--The phone rings and Zylstra jumps. After a brief exchange in fluent Russian, Zylstra slams the phone down. "That \*\*\*\* Vladimir! Gets me every time!" he tells us. "I hate those Mafia thugs."

12:13 pm--Zylstra heads over to his private room in the Commons, where they serve the delectable food that no students have ever experienced (and never will).

1:07--Zylstra makes the rounds in North Hall, picking up a fancy new laptop, a much-coveted Playstation 2, and a shiny bagel toaster from unsuspecting guys.

2:03--After successfully depositing his new

acquisitions, Zylstra drives to the Underwater Basket-Weaving Club, of which he is the chairman. "This is why I'm always so busy," he comments to us as he pulls into Sandy Hollow.

2:11--Zylstra strips off his three-piece suit to reveal a flashy red Speedo. With a perfect swan dive into the murky water, he disappears.

2:12--Zylstra's head pops out of the water. "Say," he calls to us. "Could you pass me my basket supplies? I forgot them in my excitement to get down here."

5:27--Zylstra drives back to Dordt. "Yet another exhilarating session. I really feel like we made progress today. We're just that much closer to getting out of the fishbowl. I feel so... redeemed."

5:49--Zylstra sits down for supper. Gloria serves up liver paté garnished with Cool Ranch Dorito crumbs. "Yum. I love your gourmet cooking, poopsie," Zylstra says as he pats Gloria on the back.

6:32--Zylstra settles down into his black velvet recliner after popping Coyote Ugly into the VCR. "I realize this is a thoroughly depraved video," he says to us. "But as the leader of a fine institution enlightening the minds of future kingdom builders, I feel it is my duty to be adequately informed of this fallen world."

8:39--Gloria saunters into the room with some pretzel sticks and anchovies....

10:08--Zylstra, Gloria and Zwingli climb into their jacuzzi for an hour of down time.

11:33--Donning his authentic Viking helmet, Zylstra slips beneath the lavender coverlet. With a jaw-cracking yawn, he says, "Good night, world. I'll see you tomorrow."



## Riots rampage campus

**Anita Fite**

**Staff Rebel Rouser**

"I looked up and all I could see was fire. Fire and smoke. Then I realized that my dirty laundry was touching the heater," said Mike Elders, Dordt College freshman Student Forum Representative. "Then I looked outside and saw people fighting. I thought, 'Hmm...I should go join in. The responsible thing would be to join in! Revolution!'"

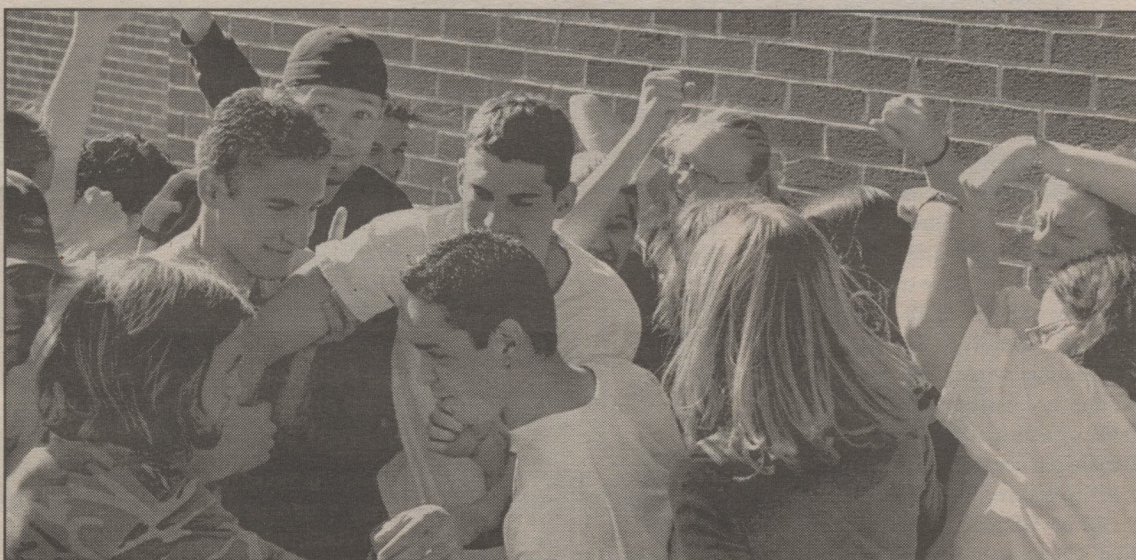
A riot of tumultuous proportions ensued on campus last Friday, April 19th, sparked by the infamous blended housing issue. It has been reported that Sandi Altena from Student Services had an argument with a student on the lawn in front of the Commons. The male student, who has not been identified, was asking why he couldn't live in East Hall because of the new blending process. The argument became very heated and, according to an eyewitness, Altena threw the first punch. President Zylstra rushed out of his office with a bat in hand and security was notified. He was heard mumbling, "Punk college kids! Always up to

no good!"

Many students were involved, and several of Dordt's buildings were ransacked. "I saw people stealing artificial trees out of the Commons, so I decided to join in! I thought it would look nice in my room next year. I just wanted to belong," said freshman Jared Brouwer, crying. Several mailbox covers were broken in the DeWitt Gymnasium lobby, paper was stolen from the printers in the library, people copied their but-tocks repeatedly in the faculty mailbox area and Professor Sewell's hair was combed forward. The chemistry department was also raided for its dangerous acids, and their only periodic table of elements was stolen. "It was a madhouse, I say! A madhouse!" said TJ Link, who recently had his computer and a wheel off his car stolen.

"I ran in fear for my life," said Professor Mahaffy. "I just grabbed four of my favorite mugs and headed for the hills! I even passed three thirteen-lined ground squirrels and a mountain lion on the way! Those little chaps can run! What a DRAMA!"

"I was playing with my erector



Pandemonium breaks out as students and professors join the recent campus-wide riot.

set when I heard screaming and people chanting, 'Down with integration! We want segregation!' I made it into a weapon and headed for the Commons! All I can remember thinking was, 'I am sick of chicken patties!'" said Josh Boerman, Freshman therapist.

"Can't we all just get along?" screamed campus pastor Don Draayer, with a torch in his hand.

"No we can't," said Lorna Van

Gilst, who knocked Draayer unconscious with two punches and one rock thrown. "Take that, Draayer," she commented. She then casually strolled back to her office to correct papers.

Local law enforcement and the FBI, along with the CIA, FOX and CBS were called to the scene. Even Dordt campus security responded, when they finally answered the phone. "I got there as

fast as my little S-10 could drive," said Jesse Le Seuer, campus security, who arrived the next morning.

Rioters are still being held in the mezzanine of the BJ Haan Auditorium until bail and tuition are paid. In the spirit of Dordt College, they are being fed leftover cookies and juice from chapel. Check future editions of the Zircon for further developments.

## Altena to push boundaries of academia

**Nurse Jones**  
**Staff Egghead**

Sandi Altena, Dordt's housing director, will "step into a larger world" at a larger and much more secular institution of higher learning next academic year. Altena will head west, to the University of South Dakota, where she will pursue a doctorate studying what she really loves: Native American homosexual social policy and feminist narratives in Norse religion.

"I intend to push these long-ignored areas of intellectual endeavor to the forefront of the academic world," she commented at a press conference following her termination by Dordt president, Carl "E-Diddy" Zylstra.

"Clearly, Altena no longer has a place here. What happened to her commitment to Christian education? Who ever heard of any employee of Dordt having anything to do with a state school?" Zylstra proclaimed at another press conference, this one held at the abandoned Student Union

Building (which many now believed to be haunted, by the way. For more on the haunted SUB, see the next Zircon.).

Altena seemed unfazed by her firing. "Oh well," she sighed. "I'll make plenty of money at my assistantship teaching undergraduate courses in the fields I'll be studying." Altena says she will live in her car and scrounge on-campus garbage cans for food, using her assistantship money as funding for trips to different archaeological sites known to be important in the fields of Native American homosexual social policy and feminist narratives of Norse religion.

"Someday, I hope my work in these important yet overlooked fields will be so influential that students will study my thesis and findings at the kindergarten level and continue studying them through all of high school," Altena claimed, already rifling for food through the dumpster at the construction site formerly known as her office, a.k.a. the SUB.

## Classifieds

**Help wanted:** Butler needed. We are an equal opportunity employer looking for someone to answer the phone and door. Applicants must be highly tolerant of a stinky living situation. Anyone over 6'1" need not apply. Contact: qwertuioip@dordt.edu.

**For Sale, Cheap!** One Student Union Building, slightly used. Décor is 70s, walls are slightly disheveled, structure is not adaptable to your purposes, but asbestos has been removed. Cost: \$13 million or best offer. Call the Business Office.

## Where has all the green gone?

**Bea Cheap**  
**Enron Executive**

Every year, Dordt students are forced to extract one hundred dollars from their dwindling accounts to pay for a "Housing Deposit." Let us consider this "Housing Deposit."

Nonrefundable. Undisclosable. From whence could such a mysterious and vague call for cash come? It is common knowledge that Dordt students everywhere, particularly in North Hall, are gentle and kind, respectful of their environment, and willing to do their share of "janitorial stewardship" in the habitat of their choosing. So why on earth would the Dordt administration demand these faceless charges? CORRUPTION!!

Yes, this vigilant reporter has raked thorough the muck and uncovered a sewer of desolation. Yes, I recall where it began... My housing application. I had become emotionally attached to my deposit and became unwilling to let it go. Equally unwilling to let my payment go, the Friendly Dordt Financial Ambassador invited me into an inconspicuous sedan and we sped off to parts unknown. He kindly asked me to take a drink. I thought it odd to have a fizzing glass of water already prepared, but who am I to refuse hospitality? As I emptied the glass, a strange feel-

ing came over me, which was obviously due to motion sickness. To counteract the mysterious nausea, I cunningly took a "stealth nap," which wasn't difficult to do as my host had anticipated my queasiness and added a heavy tranquilizer to my drink. My head bounced off the window, and I was asleep.

I awoke after we arrived at our destination. Two men were outside talking in stereotypical accents and referring to each other as "wise guys." I looked out the window and saw the Friendly Dordt Financial Ambassador handing a large burlap sack with a dollar sign painted on it to a man with a most unfriendly expression marred by... by a Blue Bunny logo tattooed on his left cheek. The inherent cuteness of the bunny contrasted sharply with the evil radiation from the man, resulting in a most aesthetically displeasing scheme of content. No one must mock the bunny, for it is pure and good, like the milk that helps me grow big and strong! I leapt from the car and politely asked what was going on.

The sandy-whiskered gentleman of evil informed me that they were in the middle of an illegal transaction and needed some privacy. Suddenly, he yelled and pointed over my shoulder. It must have been truly terrible, for when I turned to look, it snuck around

behind me and knocked me out.

I awoke on the curb outside North Hall. Penniless and destitute, I decided to eat out at the Commons. My head was hung in shame, for I had failed my fellow students. I felt disapproving gazes pierce me as I walked by them, so I cast my eyes to the sidewalk.

I was on my way for a frugally delicious meal at the Commons, when I saw the Friendly Dordt Financial Ambassador in the midst of illicit activity with President Zylstra. They were lounging about the Board Room in the middle of a pile of empty milk cartons. My hair-trigger mind instantly deduced they were drinking 100% milk, for that's what the labels read. They were skimming the profits of students, milking them of their hard earned moo-lah. What's worse, the diluted 2% milk was sold back to the students. Instead of 100% bone-building goodness, the student body was daily ingesting twenty gallons of tooth decay!

Confront them?! I couldn't, but luckily the Zircon can be counted on to report the news you need. Join the rest of the "Lactose Intolerant," for we will not tolerate being a cash cow for sour milk! Little Miss Muffet, get off your tuffet! Students of Dordt College, UNITE!



## We got spirit, yes we do

**Ima Blonde  
Staff Airhead**

The Dordt College Athletics Department has announced an exciting new program for the 2002-03 school year.

In an exclusive Zircon interview, Athletics Director Bobby Vander Scab said male cheerleaders will take the place of the current Dynamics Dance Team. "We took a poll of several basketball game crowds this winter and found they would be more likely to watch male cheerleaders rather than female dancers.

"Go figure," said Vander Scab.

In an attempt to make Dordt's first Cheerleading squad successful, the Board of Trustees recently approved a new position on the faculty, Professor of Cheerleading Studies. Dr. Carl Zylstra, president of the college, said, "This new position will focus on the basics of cheerleading and in the next few



Harry Legges

**The charter members of Dordt's male cheerleading team flaunt their cute new outfits. One was heard asking, "Does this make my butt look big?"**

years will also teach courses on how to overcome the discrimination and taunting that is sure to come from fellow students and faculty members."

Last week, tryouts were held for

the new squad, of which there is no name yet. Fourteen men ranging from freshmen to juniors were selected, and in a mass interview with the Zircon, said they are excited about this new opportunity to

serve the student body. Harold De Boot, captain of the squad, said, "What a great way to end my Dordt career next year," he said. "I've always dreamt of strutting my stuff out on that basketball floor. This

way I can do that and show my school spirit at the same time."

The decision to add the male cheerleading squad has not come without some tension and even protests. Last Thursday evening as the Board of Trustees was approving the Professor of Cheerleading Studies position, a group of about ten to fifteen students walked outside the Commons Board Room chanting phrases that seem to imply a coming boycott of all classes and sporting events.

Protest organizer Shirley De Vander Mont said the new cheerleading squad not only discriminates against the current female dance team, it also degrades the body image of all males on campus. "I was shocked when I heard the college was considering something like this," she said. "We are standing strong and plan to do whatever it takes to show the college they made the wrong decision."

## Bodies uncovered Horoscopes

**Seemore Butts  
Staff Writer**

Every year, at least 100 students "leave" Dordt college. It has been a mystery why students continue to leave. Until recently, that is.

Construction workers that are on campus working on the new SUB recently made a shocking discovery. Earl Vander Mer was the first man to stumble across the startling scene. As a part of the demolition crew, Earl was instructed to go downstairs and start by demolishing the security office and the darkrooms. At first, everything seemed normal, but as Earl swung at the wall with his sledge hammer, it seemed hollow. Earl took another swing and a false wall tumbled down.

"I was shocked at what I saw," Vander Mer said.

Behind the fake wall were hundreds of catacombs. Some of them were quite fresh looking while others looked like they may have been there for a while. Earl ran up the stairs to tell the rest of the crew members his shocking discovery. On his way up the stairs, he ran into none other than President

Zylstra himself.

Earl took only a moment to realize that the President shouldn't be in the building. It was off limits to everyone except for the demolition crew.

"I was immediately suspicious," Vander Mer said. "I questioned the man, right on the spot." Vander Mer said that at first Zylstra just stammered around and seemed reluctant to talk. But after a half and hour of questioning, Zylstra finally admitted to doing away with students who weren't exactly up to Dordt standards. Vander Mer was so appalled and flabbergasted that he momentarily lost eye contact and Zylstra ran up the stairs and out of the building.

When Zircon staff tried to talk with Zylstra later, he had no comment. But we were able to get a comment from his wife, Gloria. She was in on the whole scheme, along with their youngest son, Adam. Gloria said that the whole process was quite complicated and involved a lot of planning and fast acting poison. She said that Dr. Zylstra engineered the whole thing and spent many evenings at home pouring over the BOD book deciding who was going to be next. He

made the poison in the form of powder.

"It was really quite simple," Gloria said. He would just pick out a student who wasn't up to par and watch for that student at the Dordt social events. Then he would make a point of putting the powder on his own hand right before shaking the hand of his intended victim."

Zylstra had a special antidote in his pocket that he would immediately wipe his hand off with while the student would die within a half an hour.

"He was wonderful at acting out the part of the concerned President afterward," said his wife.

When a Zircon staff member asked Adam why they were doing this, he just looked down and shuffled his feet.

"We needed the fertilizer to keep the grass and tulips looking nice, and this was much cheaper than buying a ton of the stuff," he said. "Besides, Dad has to get his kicks somewhere."

Zylstra and his family have all been apprehended and are in the county jail awaiting their trial with a \$10 million bail.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May20):** You've been tempted to throw away that moldy loaf of bread swelling up in the back corner of your refrigerator. Don't. You'll need it tomorrow to get rid of unwanted love advances. You know who I'm talking about.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Those drops of "water" falling out of your maple tree aren't actually water. No, you are the proud owner of the first beer-spitting tree in the world. Guard it with your life. (Big money, big money.)

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** The stars are lining up. But it's not good. At least not for you. Carry an umbrella and a rifle at all times. You'll thank me.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Watch your mail. You will receive a pink slip. In the package are instructions. Follow them if you want to become the next Zorro. Yes, you get a sword and a mask.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** If you act now, you can become the next member of the elite Underwater Basket-Weaving Club. This includes scotch and Wheaties and a brand new Speedo or string bikini.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Events are falling into place for romantic success. This is especially good if you're single. Seniors, you could be married before graduation if you get a 67 on your next test, or eat 21 pieces of raw squid. How desperate are you?

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Intestines making grumbling noises? Saliva feeling bubbly? Blood feeling thick? Yes, you're dying. It sucks, I know. Deal with it. Moving on....

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Venus has just spun out of orbit. Do you know what that means for you? You no longer have to put the toilet seat down every time after you go to the bathroom. Sorry ladies, no perks for you. Venus is cruel.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The next little kid you see will have a brick hidden in his shirt. Steal it and smash his skull before he throws it at you. Don't worry, you won't become a vegetable if you're careful and cold-hearted.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Go to jail. Go directly to jail. Do not pass Go. Do not collect \$200. Dordt wouldn't give it to you anyway.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Stop washing your hair. First it will stink like rotting bat guts, but then it will smell like a fragrant fruit salad. Trust me. Lovers will come running. Perseverance is the key, so stay away from that shower. All good things take time.

**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Give President Zylstra a titty-twister. Blessings will abound.

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# Sports

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## Dordt volunteers supervise Special Olympics

**Jason Mulder**  
Staff Writer

The 14th annual Special Olympics was held Saturday, April 20. Four hundred five special needs kids and young adults participated, representing 27 schools and facilities. Thirty-four Dordt students who helped out in the events, which included various races, field events, swimming, and even tennis ball throw. Coordinator Peg Koele said that some of the neatest events are the relays where people must work together.

Each participant is allowed to be in two events and a relay, earning ribbons for finishing in top positions. Blue ribbon winners go on to compete in Ames, IA, May 16-18.

Despite the cold and wind, most participants really enjoyed the event. A parent of one of the

participants commented that next to his birthday and Christmas, the Special Olympics is the highlight of their child's life.

Molli Vander Klok, one of the event helpers, said that what really impressed her was how proud the athletes were, not only of themselves, but also of each other. It didn't really matter what place they finished in, they were so happy just to have finished it. "It makes me think twice before complaining about tennis practice," she said, "I'm just thankful that I can (play)."

Karla Hofman, another helper, enjoyed seeing many of the individuals she used to work with at The Village and cheering them on. She said, "One of the participants, Mike, had to come and show me the ribbon he had won. He was so proud."

Special Olympics Oath: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt!"



Mikala Poll

Four hundred five special needs kids and young adults, thirty-four Dordt volunteers and other assistants came together last Saturday for the 14th annual Special Olympics.

## Spring sports overview

**Jacque Scoby**  
Sports Editor

### Baseball (12-20, 11-11 GPAC)

After splitting the season opener with Concordia-Moorehead College at the Metrodome, the Dordt Defenders baseball team took their game to the road. The Defenders trekked to Panama City, Florida, for spring break where they lost all seven games they played. Returning home, the Defenders lost their first contest, but have rebounded since, playing .500 ball in GPAC conference games. Dordt, currently ranked seventh in the conference, finishes out the season with three more

home doubleheaders and one at Northwestern before entering conference tournament action.

### Golf

After taking the winter months off, the Defender golf team is back on the course for the spring season. Dordt resumed play on the 9th and has participated in five meets so far. The Defenders, under head coach Abe Bos, will head to Hastings Thursday and Friday (25-26) for the conference meet before entering NAIA regional play next week in Fremont, Nebraska.

### Softball (27-15, 14-4 GPAC)

The Lady Defenders started off their season in Florida, going 7-5 in games played during spring break.

Since then, Dordt has gone 20-10 and are third in GPAC conference standings. Dordt finishes off the regular season with a home doubleheader tomorrow against Bellevue University before heading to Hastings for the conference tournament to be held May 2-3.

### Tennis

#### Women (6-4, 4-3 GPAC)

The women's tennis team has shown marked improvement over last year's 1-9 record, compiling a 6-4 overall record to date. The Lady Defenders started the season with a win over Benedictine College (Kansas) during spring break, and returned to post two more straight wins to open confer-

ence play. Dordt hosted the final home match of the season yesterday and will begin GPAC tournament play on Friday. The Lady Defenders are coached by Rudy Folkerts.

#### Men (1-11, 1-7 GPAC)

The men's team hasn't fared quite as well, opening the season with two losses over spring break. Dordt's lone win came in conference play over Doane College back in March. The Defenders played their final match on the road against Northwestern yesterday, and will head to Fremont for the conference tournament this weekend.

### Outdoor Track and Field

Both the men's and women's track teams opened the outdoor season with a spring break meet in Orlando, Florida. The women came away with a fourth place finish while the men took third. Since the Disney Relays, the Defenders have participated in three more meets. They finish up the season with the Drake Relays and a meet at Dakota State this weekend before heading to Seward, Nebraska, for the GPAC meet. Dordt currently has two athletes qualified in individual events for the NAIA national meet to be held May 23-25 in Olathe, Kansas.

## Stats

### Baseball

4/9/02 Mt. Marty (Gm. 1)	L 5-9
4/9/02 Mt. Marty (Gm. 2)	W 5-3
4/12/02 Hastings (Gm. 1)	L 0-5
4/12/02 Hastings (Gm. 2)	W 6-5
4/13/02 Neb. Wesleyan (Gm. 1)	L 12-14
4/13/02 Neb. Wesleyan (Gm. 2)	L 6-9
4/16/02 Northwestern (Gm. 1)	W 4-2
4/17/02 Northwestern (Gm. 2)	W 6-5
4/19/02 Concordia (Gm. 1)	L 2-6

4/19/02 Concordia (Gm. 2)	W 5-2
4/20/02 Concordia (Gm. 1)	L 3-4
4/20/02 Concordia (Gm. 2)	W 10-9
<b>Softball</b>	
4/9/02 Northwestern (Gm. 1)	W 4-2
4/9/02 Northwestern (Gm. 2)	L 2-10
4/12/02 Hastings (Gm. 1)	W 4-1
4/12/02 Hastings (Gm. 2)	W 8-3
4/13/02 Doane (Gm. 1)	W 5-1
4/13/02 Doane (Gm. 2)	W 1-0
4/15/02 Sioux Falls (Gm. 1)	W 4-2

4/15/02 Sioux Falls (Gm. 2)	W 5-1
4/16/02 Briar Cliff	W 2-1
4/17/02 Dak. Wesleyan (Gm. 1)	W 10-0
4/17/02 Dak. Wesleyan (Gm. 2)	W 8-0
4/19/02 Neb. Wesleyan (Gm. 1)	W 2-1
4/19/02 Neb. Wesleyan (Gm. 2)	W 7-2
4/20/02 Mid. Lutheran (Gm. 1)	W 6-0
4/20/02 Mid. Lutheran (Gm. 2)	L 2-7
<b>Men's Tennis</b>	
3/21/02 William Jewell	L 0-6
3/22/02 Benedictine	L 1-8
3/23/02 Concordia	L 0-9
3/23/02 Doane	W 7-2
4/2/02 Buena Vista	L 2-7

4/4/02 Mid. Lutheran	L 1-8
4/6/02 Martin Luther	L 3-6
4/9/02 Northwestern	L 3-6
4/13/02 Mid. Lutheran	L 0-9
4/13/02 Hastings	L 3-6
4/15/02 Sioux Falls	L 0-9
4/17/02 Sioux Falls	L 1-8
<b>Women's Tennis</b>	
3/22/02 Benedictine	W 8-1
3/23/02 Concordia	W 6-3
3/23/02 Doane	W 7-0
4/4/02 Mid. Lutheran	L 2-7
4/6/02 Martin Luther	W 7-2
4/9/02 Northwestern	L 3-6
4/13/02 Mid. Lutheran	L 3-6
4/13/02 Hastings	L 4-5
4/15/02 Sioux Falls	W 8-1
4/17/02 Sioux Falls	W 6-3
<b>Outdoor Track</b>	
Sioux City Relays	
<b>Women:</b>	

<b>1st place:</b>	Jacque Scoby - javelin (130'4")
<b>2nd place:</b>	4x400 relay - 9:33.80
<b>3rd place:</b>	Kate Riensma (10K) 41:24.90
	4x400 relay (4:09.96)
	Spring medley relay - 4:23.61
<b>Men:</b>	
<b>1st place:</b>	4x400 relay - 3:21.41
	4x800 m relay - 7:55.57
<b>2nd place:</b>	4x100 relay - 44.09
	4x200 relay - 1:30.80
	Distance med. relay 10:55.45
<b>3rd place:</b>	Brian Wassenaar 400 hurdles
	56.61
	Sprint Med. Relay - 3:39.62
	Chris Fransman - high jump
	(6'4")





## NEWS BRIEFS



Compiled by Sarah Den Boer  
Features and World Editor

### AUSTRALIA

Police in Australia say they are checking the files of unsolved murder cases and missing persons after human remains were found inside a huge Tiger shark caught off the country's south-east coast. The gruesome discovery was made after the fishermen who caught the 10-foot long shark opened up its stomach. The remains, including a skull, arm and pelvis, have been taken away for a post mortem.

### CHINA

China has moved into second place in the number of people logging on to the internet from home. According to Nielsen/NetRatings, China is now second only to the United States in the number of home internet users.

### SRI LANKA

In Sri Lanka, the main opposition parties have staged their first major public demonstration against Norway's attempts to broker peace in the island. The public rally comes as the government is set to ease a ban on Tamil Tiger rebels and enter face-to-face negotiations arranged by Norway. Thousands of supporters of Sri Lanka's main leftist party, the JVP (People's Liberation Front), staged a noisy demonstration denouncing the government and peace-broker Norway over their efforts to end decades of ethnic bloodshed.

### INDIA

A unique grassroots literacy program in Bangalore in southern India is bringing hope to thousands of the city's poorest children. The program draws children from many of the slums dotting Bangalore, often described as India's technology hub, and aims at enrolling every underprivileged child in the city by 2003. As many as 1,500 volunteer teachers have fanned out across 300 slums in the city to further the agenda of universal primary education.

### FRANCE

The biggest surprise of the French presidential election is probably not the moderate rise in support for the National Front, but the huge drop in support for the governing Socialists. This is only the second time since 1958, the year France's strong presidency was born, that the left has been knocked out of the second round in a presidential election.

## Contemporary Political Opinion

Peter Anderson  
Staff Writer

One of the more fallacious arguments against a free market is that monopolies will no doubt arise unless there is some sort of government intervention to prevent them. However, it must be understood that monopolies are a result of government induced legal privileges and it is thus ludicrous to look to a government to end them.

The main problem with monopolies is defining them. Usually people will resort to saying that monopolies control too much of the market and as a result they charge prices that are too high. However, how is one to define what is too much control or when prices are too high?

That was exactly the case in 1999 when the U.S. government brought an anti-trust lawsuit against Dentsply International Inc., a company that sells about 70% of the artificial teeth in the United States. Their crime had been to try and limit artificial teeth distributors from selling competing brands. However, is this a monopolistic crime? According to the Department of Justice, Dentsply was trying to limit competition and thus artificially raise prices. Doesn't this make every company who tries to limit their competitors, even by the simple means of pro-

ducing a better and cheaper product, a monopoly? Also, how is a government agency to determine if the price of artificial teeth or anything else is too high?

The fact of the matter is that distributors could have terminated selling Dentsply brand artificial teeth and sold another brand or consumers could have used an alternate brand if the Dentsply teeth were priced too high. Both consumers and suppliers had determined, through the free market, that Dentsply was the best company to meet their needs.

Thus we see that a government's definition of monopoly can be somewhat dubious and harmful, especially since they have a monopoly on prosecuting so-called monopolies.

Now we will look at how monopolies cannot arise on the free market with the hypothetical situation of North Dakota. In reality, North Dakota produces both oil (small amounts) and wheat (large amounts). Through the worldwide, though incomplete division of labor, North Dakota has found it more efficient to trade its wheat for the oil that it needs. It would be far too expensive for them to try and remain self-sufficient on their own oil. Therefore, if unhampered division of labor, the free market and the free movement of goods remains in place, North Dakota

will not be undersupplied in oil and Saudi Arabia will not be lacking in wheat.

A monopolistic problem would only occur if North Dakota's oil producers were given a legal advantage by the government. Such an advantage would be tariffs high enough on imported oil that it would no longer be profitable for Saudi Arabia to sell their product to North Dakota or the banning of foreign oil importation.

Oil companies in North Dakota would thus have a 100% percent control of the market and would not be able to be underpriced by outside competition. When a company or government controls 100% of the market share of something and there are no competitors due to legal restrictions, only then is there a monopoly. A good example of this is the government's 100% control of first class mail.

It is the government's legal restriction of competition through regulations, tariffs, or taxes that leads to monopolies and not the free market. It is absurd to expect the government to control monopolies when they are the origin of them. If you don't agree with me, ask yourself if before today you had ever heard of that evil, monopolistic, price raising company Dentsply and how they were "hurting" consumers.

## Earthwatch

Don Stenberg  
Guest Writer

You'd think by now that the use of renewable fuels would be a given. There are countless reasons to endorse them, wherever you fall on the political spectrum. Environmentalists have been pushing for them for years, and with good reason. It is well known that there is a finite supply of fossil fuels left on earth and we, or certainly our children, will be left without power (and plastic) unless we develop alternative sources of energy. Also, the use of fossil fuels degrades our environment because they contribute to the greenhouse effect, they pollute our cities, and lead to oil spills that ruin pristine

oceans and landscapes.

There are also political issues. Our continued dependence on oil presents a chink in our armor to a hostile group of people. Maybe if we cut the money supply flowing into the hands of Middle Eastern governments they wouldn't be as able to buy weapons, which would lead to more stability in the region. Also, spikes in oil prices have been known to send our economy reeling. If fuel were produced domestically, prices would be stable.

So what am I proposing? I believe that fuel cells could replace regular internal combustion engines within this decade. They produce only pure water as "waste," are up to three times more efficient, have the potential to be

cheaper if mass produced, and are powered by hydrogen, a fuel that we can make in our own country. Also, fuel cells could possibly replace coal power plants as the main source of electricity for our nation. Agricultural wastes, like cornstalks, could provide more than enough hydrogen for a whole nation of cars to run on with essentially no damage to the environment. It could also increase the value of the crops that farmers grow, leading to a stronger economy all around. Protecting the environment and strengthening the economy at the same time--too good to be true? Not if you support fuel cells and extracting the hydrogen fuel from agricultural, renewable sources.

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